

AMERICAN BOARD OF FORENSIC ACCOUNTING



Your Academic & Certification
Partner in Forensic Accounting

Since 1993



Who is the ABFA?

The American Board of Forensic Accounting (ABFA) was established in 1993 and is the oldest forensic accounting board in the United States, teaching the 'broad based knowledge' of forensic accounting.

The ABFA is an independent accounting body.

The ABFA was established to promote forensic accounting through education, testing, analysis, and evaluation of the knowledge, skills, and abilities of applicants while providing certification of applicants in the field of forensic accounting.

The ABFA believes forensic accounting principles and practices yield a preemptive approach towards identifying waste and inefficiencies, proactively addressing fraudulent activity and providing extensive forensic reporting. Our certifications are perceived as some of the most valuable in the world.

What is Forensic Accounting?

Forensic accounting can be defined as the action of identifying, recording, settling, extracting, sorting, reporting, and verifying past financial data or other accounting activities for settling current or prospective legal disputes or using such past financial data for projecting future financial data to settle legal disputes.

The ABFA has broken forensic accounting into the following components:

- ★ Practice and Theory
- ★ Fraud
- ★ Litigation Support Services
- ★ Cyber Security
- ★ Valuations



Importance of Forensic Accounting

Forensic accounting is important for businesses and the government in addition to CFOs, controllers, staff accountants, auditors, students, educators, and those working in the legal profession.

Once you learn forensic accounting, it will allow you to:

- ★ Identify fraud and irregularities
- ★ Help find errors
- ★ Assist in making operations more efficient and effective
- ★ Provide extensive reporting

Benefits of Learning Forensic Accounting

Forensic accountants earn more per year than traditional accountants. Accounting firms have experienced lots of demand in recent years and expect even more demand in the future. Forensic accounting is one of the highest paid billable services for accountants.

Forensic accounting knowledge provides:

- ★ Advanced skills
- ★ Increased professional reputation
- ★ Opportunities for continued professional development
- ★ Higher commitment to the accounting field
- ... and much more

Who Can Benefit from the ABFA?

- ★ Certified Public Accountants
- ★ Chartered and Certified Accountants (e.g. ACCA; CA)
- ★ Governmental Accountants and Auditors
- ★ Enrolled Agents
- ★ Internal Auditors
- ★ Staff Accountants, Controllers, and CFOs
- ★ Board Members (e.g. Treasurers; Audit Committee Members)
- ★ Accounting Majors and Graduates
- ★ Other individuals wanting to learn forensic accounting

What Courses Does the ABFA Offer?

Forensic Accounting Review (FAR) – The FAR is a comprehensive course covering the ‘broad based knowledge’ of forensic accounting and providing educational units for professionals and others. **This is ABFA's core course.**

Healthcare Auditing Review (HAR) – ABFA's Healthcare Auditing Review is a high-quality forensic healthcare auditing training program designed for healthcare professionals, accountants, and auditors.

Forensic Accounting Video Series (FAVS) – ABFA's Forensic Accounting Review Series is an interactive online forensic accounting video series developed by a team of prestigious forensic accountants and educators, featuring world-leading forensic accounting professor Dr. Larry Crumbley.

Cyber Security for Accounting and Auditing Professionals Review (CAR) – This course helps accountants and auditors develop professional skills in cyber security prevention and detection while allowing for career enrichment and increased employee value.

What Certifications and Designations Does the ABFA Offer?

Certified Forensic Accountant® Credentialing Program (CRFAC®) – The Certified Forensic Accountant® Credentialing Program assesses knowledge and competence in professional forensic accounting services in a multitude of areas. Forensic accountants may be involved in litigation support services, investigative accounting, providing valuation reports, reducing errors and irregularities, and saving organizations money.

GFA Government Forensic Accountant Credentialing Program (ABGOV®) – The ABGOV® is a special credential the American Board of Forensic Accounting® has established for Governmental accountants and auditors who demonstrate knowledge and competence in professional forensic accounting services in the Government sector.

Certified Forensic Auditor Credentialing Program (CRFAU) – The CRFAU program assesses the knowledge and competence of Certified Public Accountants, Chartered Accountants, and Certified Internal Auditors in professional forensic auditing services.

Registered Forensic Investigator RFI Credentialing Program (RFI) – The Registered Forensic Investigator RFI program is designed for individuals who are interested in investigative forensic accounting and analysis. A Registered Forensic Investigator's primary purpose is to investigate forensic matters and help detect and prevent fraud.

Certified Forensic Bookkeeper Credentialing Program (CFB) – This program is designed for individuals who work for or support forensic accountants, attorneys, businesses, or professional corporations. A Certified Forensic Bookkeeper's primary purpose is to utilize their bookkeeping skills in forensic matters and to help detect and prevent fraud.

Forensic Intelligence Specialist Credentialing Program (FIS) – This program is designed for individuals who are currently employed by one of the five branches of the US Military (both civilian and non-civilian military personnel) and investigate forensic matters relating to the use of military funds.

Licensed Healthcare Auditor LHA® Credentialing Program (LHA) – The Licensed Healthcare Auditor LHA® program is designed for individuals who are interested in forensic accounting and analysis as it pertains to healthcare auditing, fraud prevention, and fraud detection.

Certified Cyber Security Accountant CCSA Credentialing Program (CCSA) – The Certified Cyber Security Accountant CCSA Credentialing Program allows accountants and auditors to demonstrate basic knowledge and competence in the detection and prevention of cyber security-related issues.

Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Accounting DABFA® – To recognize significant professional achievements and contributions to the field of forensic accounting, along with meeting designation requirements, the Board will bestow the designation of Diplomate. A Diplomate will have demonstrated to the public that they are in an elite group of forensic investigators, auditors, and accountants.

Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Accounting FABFA® – Once awarded the Diplomate designation, and after five years of service as a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Accounting DABFA®, individuals may apply for the Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Accounting FABFA® designation. The applicant must demonstrate, through professional and academic accomplishments, they have mastered the field of forensic accounting.



The ABFA is your Partner in Forensic Accounting

We are here for you. Even after you complete your program, we will help you throughout your career. Our mission is to provide quality forensic accounting education and training so individuals and organizations can become better fiscal managers.

Here are just a few benefits of partnering with the ABFA:

- ★ Mentoring and researching selected topics for members
- ★ Forensic accounting instruction and guidance
- ★ Continuing professional education credits and world-leading academic training
- ★ Special pricing and discounts
- ★ Exclusive opportunities to have articles published
- ★ A Speaker Bureau and conference networking
- ★ Referral opportunities through the Board
- ★ Personal accomplishment as a member of a valuable professional organization



How to Get Started

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Your first step is to complete the general membership application at abfa.us/membership. There is no cost to apply for membership. Before you make any time and financial commitments, we want to make sure our programs and courses meet your individual academic and career needs.

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After you complete the application, you will be directed to our Scoring Matrix process. The Scoring Matrix was developed to ascertain the amount of education and experience you have in accounting and auditing-related topics. We use a point system to determine your preliminary score based on the information you submit with your application. During the process, your score may be adjusted.

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After we have reviewed your application and conducted our process, we will contact you and let you know which programs and courses are the best fit and develop an academic pathway towards learning forensic accounting and becoming certified by the ABFA.





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